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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORTTOPIC Soviet Troops in the KOETHEN Area

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a. Tank and artillery units totaling about 1,500 troops were quartered at the KOETHEN (M 52/D 95) airdrome on 30 June 1949. Many troops wore the Guards badge. *

b. Soldiers training with antitank guns and heavy mortars were observed in the kaserne area.

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b. The units were frequently observed in field training. The EM were between 18 and 23 years of age, and wore crossed-gun barrel insignia and tank insignia on their epaulets. Several radio sections were seen training with field radio sets.

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Comment:

a.*

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units of the 7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) were still located at the KOETHEN airfield at that time.

b.***

[redacted] the 23rd Gds
Stz Rifle Regt (Cadre) of the 7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre)
as located at the KOETHEN airfield until 3 July 1949. The
regiment had previously been assumed to be located in the
KOETHEN area. Capt POCHAKAVOV has been unknown before.
He is assumed to be a company commander of the 23rd Gds
Stz Rifle Regt (Cadre).

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4. Comment

The following weapons had been observed in the kaserne
area [redacted]

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- 4 76.2-mm antitank guns
- 3 120 to 150 mm field guns
- 6 80-mm mortars
- 3 120 to 160 mm mortars.

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